

EDITORIALS

Heroine Cited

Plaudits of the Southland continue to pile up for a modest, 13-year-old Torrance girl who is credited with saving the lives of four small children with whom she was babysitting.

Babysitters throughout the Southern California area have joined in the praise of the young heroine, Sandra McAbee, and have adopted her as a symbol of the babysitting profession.

Sandra's action deserves all the praise being heaped on her. The act of getting four small children out of bed and taking them outside calmly, without being overcome by panic, is a feat which would test the mettle of the best of us.

The HERALD joins with others in the Southland who have noted the heroism of this lass.

A Community Loss

Torrance this week lost one of its most highly respected public servants in the death of Dr. Henry C. Smiley, county district health officer here for 25 years before his recent retirement.

Dr. Smiley, who came to the Torrance area in 1925, organized and headed up the county health district offices here between 1926 and 1951. During his tenure in that important office, Dr. Smiley won the respect and friendship of thousands of families throughout the Torrance health area, families who will regard his death as a personal loss.

A number of friends and former associates of the public-spirited physician this week began a memorial fund in his name at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The HERALD is convinced that a more appropriate monument to this outstanding community leader could not be erected. His life was dedicated to helping others, so should any memorial pledged to him.

The HERALD shares the feeling of loss at the death of this humanitarian. Torrance is a much better place today because Dr. Smiley chose to settle here 30 years ago.

For this, those who make their homes in the Torrance area today may be grateful.

IN HOMETOWN AMERICA



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I've been married 12 years and have three nice children. I always felt we were a happy family and that my husband was a good dependable sort — no Gable, mind you, but a nice guy.

My neighbor happened to be over when we ran out of bread. My husband raised the roof and stormed out of the house. My neighbor said she didn't know how I stood it for 12 years with such a vile-tempered brute.

She went on to say in her 15 years of married life her husband never said a cross word to her and they never have had a difference of opinion. I wish I could say that. Any advice?—FANNY.

Don't let this needle artist get your nanny, Fanny. If two people agree on everything and haven't had a difference of opinion in 15 years, one of them is totally unnecessary. Too bad your husband blew his stack before such an ap-

preciative audience, but don't let it get you down. If your neighbor was a lady she'd have walked out quietly and allowed you and your husband to have a nice private all-American family fight. He should learn to count to 10 and you ought to buy two loaves at a time.

Dear Ann: Our mother passed away a year ago and my sister and I live with our grandmother who is very strict. I'm 16, Sis is 17. We want to live with Dad but Gram won't hear of it.

Dad has been running around with young girls who aren't much older than we are. Gram thinks it's a disgrace. We think he's just lonesome and want to be with him. Please, Ann, say something in your column to make Gram see that we belong with Dad.—TWO SISTERS.

How can I tell you girls you belong with Dad when I think you are far better off with your grandmother? The freedom (more accurately, lack of supervision) you would have if you lived with Dad is no doubt appealing.

But if his judgment is so poor that he's chasing around with girls your age, believe me, for your own good you should stay where there is discipline and security.

Dear Ann: I'm a man in my early 30's, have a good civil service job and would like to get married. I met a girl in a bar and fell hard. She was a divorcee, said she was sharing an apartment with a girl friend and later confessed it was a boy friend. After 8 weeks I said I'd marry her if she'd move into the YWCA. She agreed and we set the date.

Two days before the wedding she disappeared and I told her girl friend to tell me she took off with her old flame.

I was heartsick. Now she's back in town. Her boy friend left her flat and she wants me to marry her. I doubt if I could trust her again and I need some advice. Do you think she could ever be a "home girl"? Please advise me.—SKIPPER.

She could be a "home girl" all right, but it's hard telling whose home. From the history you've set forth she sounds like a poor risk. If you're interested in a "home girl," Skipper, don't look in bars. Home girls... are home.

Dear Ann: My boy friend is 17. A few weeks ago my aunt made the remark that smoking makes men look more masculine. He started to smoke that very day. I think he would have smoked eventually but this brought it on years earlier.

I don't want him to smoke, Ann, and he promised to abide by your decision as we are both fans of yours. Please tell him to stop. He will if you say so.—BARB.

Stop smoking, Buster. At 17 the habit can't do you any good. It could possibly do you some harm. Besides, Barb doesn't like it.

CONFIDENTIALLY: DISTURBED PORTLAND: Regarding that "skunk who's trying to associate with sweet peas" — there's no fool like an old fool unless it's a young one who goes for this hoopy.

M.A.: No divorce. He needs A.A. and YOU! NAMES AND ADDRESSES PLEASE: I want to help you: JW, MRS. L.A.B.; and MRS. D.R.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

To hear some people talk you'd think that this great nation was going to pot... that if Ethiopia attacked us we have nothing for defense...

Of course Russia has concentrated on military weapons and is producing some very good models. But so have we, and with no sacrifice to our consumer demands. Russia has improved on her quality, but what was the standard of Russia's quality? When we improve our quality we are improving on standards unknown to Russia.

Upon returning from our latest trip around the world and visiting our military installations from Norway to Korea, we reported to our readers that the Free World had a retaliatory ring around Communism without precedent in modern history. If Communism had such military bases so close to the United States, our people would not sleep nights.

We don't know of anyone in authority from the United States who has ever been taken into Soviet missile plants, aircraft plants, atomic energy plants and allowed to examine thoroughly what the Russians have.

The Nazis leveled Russia's industrial plants and killed over 10,000,000 of its manhood in World War II. Russia's transport declines 50 per cent in the frigid winters, and her rivers, which she depends upon for transporting heavy traffic, are frozen solid and un navigable.

The United States has exploded 74 atom bombs to Russia's seven since 1945. Russia has some 250 submarines and we have 135... but the U.S. has more than 100 aircraft carriers to Russia's none.

Much of the world is envious of our wealth and abundance. There are people right here at home who resent those who have more. So some resentment abroad is understandable. Certain feminine U.S. tourists who wear shorts in countries where such attire is unheard of and American men who flaunt their currency about, also help to deteriorate relations.

THE MAIL BOX

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Oppose Incorporation

The already large and steadily growing Citizens Committee Opposing the Incorporation of Lomita feels apologetic toward the representatives of the hill communities who came as invited guests to a meeting at California Hall, and were, in effect, accused of bad faith and threatened with coercion when they declined incorporation with Lomita. This affront was based upon the pretext that the hill area had not been polled.

My Neighbors



Trouble with Communism, Socialism or any of that stuff, is—who'd pay our unemployment compensation?

have made considerable headway, but when compared with the West they are far behind.

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We are told that Russia is training more and better engineers than we are. Again we don't know of any U.S. authority who was ever allowed to inspect and count the number of Russians being trained. The figures we hear quoted are those credited to Messrs. Krushchev & Co. in propaganda speeches.

Let's put the emphasis on the doughnut, instead of always on the hole.

who frequently travels abroad and observes at official range the pros and cons of our international contributions, we beam with pride at the favorable over-all balance of America and the infinite respect it commands.

It is of course a mistake to ever underestimate your opponent. There is strong evidence that the president, who successfully led our crusade in Europe, is militarily capable to lead our crusade for defense at home. Our opponents are bound to make progress and conceivably excel us in some categories from time to time. What the pessimists fail to realize is that America is leading the world in this progress, for our merchandise is coveted by the entire civilized world, including the Russians.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Diane Dors is supposed to be England's answer to Marilyn Monroe. What I want to know is this: What is the question?

A picture released this week by one of the world's leading publicity agencies contains this caption: "Movie Starlet Giselle D'Arc, queen of the Western Packaging and Materials Handling Exposition at Pan-Pacific Auditorium, handles six admiring men with a lift truck..." etc. The picture they sent along shows SEVEN men on the lift truck.

Gene DeBra, the Cabrillo Ave. pioneer in radio and later television, says he acquired the reputation as a conservationist while fishing the McCloud River in northern California on his recent vacation. He caught four trout on the SAME salmon egg.

A great piece of advertising for Torrance is contained in the booklet, published by Shell Chemical Co. to accompany any announcement earlier this week that the plant is undergoing a huge expansion program. The booklet contains a history of the Shell Chemical Co. installation here, a description of how they make synthetic rubber, and a run-down on employees and their activities.

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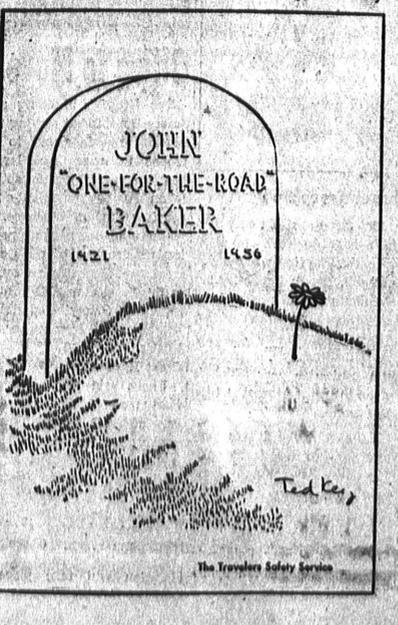
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Fatal Fallacies by Ted Key



There's an old saying which herewith receives the modern touch. It used to say: "If you must hurt yourself, don't hurt someone else." The modern approach involves the troubled man who hired a car and told the chauffeur: "I've decided to end my life. Please drive off the bridge."

One day, an unsuspecting butcher inherited a fortune. But his attorney felt that he couldn't advise the butcher due to a serious heart condition which might prove fatal. So the barrister decided to break the news gently. He visited the ailing butcher at his home and said: "Joe, what if someone left you a few million dollars? What would you do?" The butcher thought it over for a few seconds and replied: "I suppose I'd appreciate your bringing me the news so I'd give half of it to you." Whereupon, the attorney dropped dead.

Young man, there are right things and there are wrong things. For example, even though your best friends advise you never, never talk to a stranger, I'd say the advice

doesn't necessarily apply if the stranger is a pretty girl. And if you fear she may tell you a thing or two, always remember they may be her name and phone number.

If you think our tax system is unfair, just remember that our tax collectors are really very thoughtful, kind and considerate. They have ruled that part of what we earn belongs to us.

The man who knows it all isn't really reached to the peak of his intelligence. Actually, there is something beyond that. It's what he learns after he knew it all which really counts.

It pays to bring our children up the right way. And it pays to advise them the difference between right and wrong — even if they never accept the advice. But keep trying. For example, a mother told her beautiful 22-year-old daughter: "Never invite your boy friend to our home when I'm not here. I'd be worried." Replied her daughter: "Oh, I'd never do that. I'd go to his house, even if nobody was home. Let his mother worry."

Al Harrison plain talks his way into today's gallery with one of his "new father" sermons, this one on himself. It was four in the ho hum, explains Mr. H., and he was sound asleep. That is, until he felt the sharp jab of his wife's business-like elbow in his tender ribs. He woke to hear his brand new daughter screaming eloquently and his wife hissing in his ear: "Just wanted you to get all the thrills possible from your role of fatherhood."